

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A garment for slimming and smoothing the appearance of a woman's crotch and thighs, comprising:

a pair of pants having a lower torso receiving portion, an upper waistband, two leg portions, an inseam along each leg portion, and a crotch seam between the inseams;

a quadrilaterally-shaped crotch panel comprising two panels sewn together, disposed forward of the crotch seam and between the inseams; and

pants closure means extending generally from the crotch panel to the waistband.

2. (Original) The garment of claim 1, wherein the closure means comprises a zipper.

3. (Original) The garment of claim 1, wherein the closure means comprises a lace-up construction.

4. (Original) The garment of claim 1, wherein the closure means includes two panels extending from the crotch panel to the waistband.

5. (Original) The garment of claim 1, wherein the waistband includes a closure.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The garment of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the pants is made of a first material and the crotch panel is made of a second material.

9. (Currently amended) A garment for slimming and smoothing the appearance of a woman's crotch and thighs, comprising:

a pair of pants having a lower torso receiving portion, two leg portions, an inseam along each leg portion, a crotch seam between the inseams, and an upper waistband including a closure;

a quadrilaterally-shaped crotch panel comprising two panels sewn together, disposed forward of the crotch seam and between the inseams; and

pants closure means comprising two panels extending generally from the crotch panel to the waistband.

10. (Original) The garment of claim 9, wherein the closure means comprises a zipper.

11. (Original) The garment of claim 9, wherein the closure means comprises a lace-up construction.

12. (Original) The garment of claim 9, wherein the closure means includes two panels that extend from the crotch panel to the waistband.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The garment of claim 9, wherein at least a portion of the pants is made of a first material and the crotch panel is made of a second material.